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Idaho Onion Production

Onion acreage harvested in Idaho is estimated at 9,000 acres, a 2 percent increase from last year and 5 percent increase from 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is estimated at 750 cwt per acre, up 1 percent from last year, and up 4 percent from 2008. Production increased 4 percent from last year to 6.75 million cwt. As of September 26, 70 percent of the state's onions had been harvested. This is ahead of the five-year average of 69 percent. Malheur County is expected to have an onion production of 7.55 million cwt, down 4 percent from last year. The yield for Malheur County is estimated at 680 cwt and acreage harvested is estimated at 11,100 acres.

Nationally, summer storage onion production is forecast at 54.7 million hundredweight (cwt), down 5 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 104,470 acres, down 1 percent from 2009. The yield, at 524 cwt per acre, is down 17 cwt from last year. In California, harvest was behind schedule due to cool and wet weather during the growing season. Colorado growers reported some hail damage during the growing season. In Michigan, onion fields began to emerge during early May. As of June 1st, onions were progressing well despite some frost damage reported during the early part of May. New York onion grower's fields experienced excessive moisture during the early part of the year, then drier conditions later in the season. Oregon onion growers reported a cool and wet spring. Washington's harvest was two weeks behind schedule due wet conditions during the growing season. Wisconsin onion growers reported poor growing conditions due to excessive rainfall throughout the State.

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